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TO BE APPLIED TO A USER THROUGH A HAPTIC
INTERFACE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 13, 2004.

This paper is submitted December 13, 2004, along with a Petition for One Month Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Applicants also submit a copy of an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying Form PTO-1449 that were originally filed on July 15, 2002, along with copies of citations referenced therein, for further consideration by the Examiner. Applicants believe that the appropriate fee is enclosed; however, if any additional fee is due, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and Response, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and passage of the claims to allowance.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.